



**Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda
to the Organization of American States**

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The Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to the OAS. We are honoured to draw attention to the fact that today the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued its Advisory Opinion on "Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change."

This landmark ruling, requested by the United Nations General Assembly, clarifies the duty of the states under international law to prevent environmental harm, uphold human rights protections, and provide for the cessation of wrongful acts and reparations. It is hugely important to all CARICOM member states.

In light of the immediate relevance of this development, Antigua and Barbuda has prepared the attached Draft Declaration to be placed before the OAS Permanent Council. The text of the Draft Declaration is attached herewith. Antigua and Barbuda welcomes the ICJ's opinion and calls upon all Member States to implement its findings.

The Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda respectfully requests that Permanent Missions of CARICOM to the OAS:

- Review the attached Draft Declaration.
- Propose any refinements of language or content. and
- Indicate support and co-sponsorship no later than Friday, 25 August 2025 at 5 pm.

This timeline will enable the consolidated CARICOM position to be transmitted to the Chair of the OAS Permanent Council by Friday, 25 August 2025 at 17:00 EDT, ensuring that this critical item is placed on the Council's agenda without delay.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew its assurances of its highest consideration to the Permanent Missions of CARICOM to the OAS.

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Washington, D.C.

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